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On New Bodies—E. H. Horne, J. W. Hawkins, W. K. Bennett, Levander Medley, Noah Watts.

On State and Condition of the Country—T. J. Hicks, Jonas C. Chambers, R. B. McCoy, George Flake, James Horne.

PROCEEDINGS

White Store, N. C., October 11, 1916.

The Zion Missionary Baptist Association met today in its Forty-fourth Annual Session, with the Meltonsville Baptist Church, Rev. Joseph Ratliff presiding.

In the absence of Rev. B. J. Parsons, who was to deliver the introductory sermon, Rev. J. N. Bennett, accompanied Rev. James Horne in the pulpit to officiate.

Rev. Bennett lined and sang hymn number 488, C. M. Rev. Horne read the 133rd division of the Psalms, after which a prayer was offered by Rev. J. Ratliff. Hymn No. 422, S. M. was then sung.

Rev. Horne arose and announced as a text, first epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians, 5: 19-21. "Quench not the Spirit; Despise not Prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." The speaker was earnest and painstaking in his deliverance. He said in part: "The text consisted of part of Paul's diverse exhortations. If we tried to block the way of the church we would evidently quench the spirit. We should allow ourselves to be proven, and in the course of our christian career, would encounter many experiences, but hold on to that only which is good. Many hearts witnessed the presence of the Holy Spirit while he talked to us out of God's word. One stanza of " A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung after which, Rev. R. Diggs invoked the blessings of the Deity in behalf of the Association. Collection $6.10. Benediction by Rev. James Horne.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the moderator and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. N. Bennett as follows: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross etc." was sung. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Davis. Rev. James Horne sang "Why Not Tonight," after which the moderator made some timely remarks in the course of which he recounted our past experience and then suggested some good rules for the future and announced the house ready for business.

Roll called. Letters read and names of delegates enrolled. (See Roll.)

Deacon C. R. Chambers came forward in his jovial way and delivered the speech of welcome on behalf of the church. Rev. J. E. P. Little, the pastor, told the ministers that they were welcome to preach the gospel as much as they pleased, that whatever the distance they had to travel, they were welcome. These brethren made us feel like that we were not only welcome as visitors but that we were among our brethren. Rev. J. W. Diggs by way of response, assured the brethren that we are messengers of God and are interested in his cause and that we accept their welcome.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. W. Diggs.

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NIGHT SESSION

The Association was called to order and enjoyed a very good praise service, after which, Rev. J. C. Ellerbee, accompanied by Brother O. A. Clinton, filled the stand. Brother Clinton lined hymn No. 248 C. M. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Butler; second hymn No. 52 C. M.

Rev. Ellerbee announced as a text, St. John 15: 16. "Ye Have Not Chosen Me, but I Have Chosen You and Ordained You That Ye Should Go and Bring Forth Fruit, and That Your Fruit Should Remain; That Whatsoever Ye Shall Ask of the Father in My Name He May Give it You." The sermon was forceful and strong. The speaker appealed to us to see to it that we bear fruit for the Lord has chosen us. Prayer by Brother J. J. Caraway.

Collection for old ministers $7.10.

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Ellerbee.

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OCTOBER 12, SECOND DAY MORNING SESSION

At 9:45 A. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Deacon J. C. Cason conducted the praise services as follows: Hymn No. 587 C. M., prayer by Bro. James Willoughby. Second hymn, " Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone, etc." Prayer by Bro. David Biles. The Moderator made remarks and announced the house ready for business.

On motion the minutes of yesterday and last night were read and approved.

On motion Rev. T. J. Hicks, pastor of Ebenezer church, Wadesboro, came before the Association and made remarks.

The Executive Board made report that they had examined Bro. I. S. A. Hilliard at the Union meeting at Monroe, he failing to make a satisfactory mark, recommended that he pursue his studies. Report adopted.

Treasurer reported, (SEE REPORT) Report received and referred to the auditor.

Corresponding Secretary reported. Report adopted. (SEE REPORT).

Rev J. W. Hawkins was introduced and was made welcome. Rev. Hawkins made some timely remarks.

The subject of " The Mission of a Missionary Baptist Church and Where it Derived its Authority," was ably discussed by Revs. J. F. Davis and J. W. Hawkins. Rev. Davis led in the discussion. The speaker, in his usual way, made one of his telling speeches touching on every phase of church work. Rev. Hawkins handled his subject in a masterly manner. He said in part: " A church is a congregation of Christ's baptized disciples acknowledging Him as their head, united in their belief of the gospel and agreeing to maintain its ordinances and obey its precepts. Meeting together for worship and co-operating for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in this world. Therefore, the church is the agent of God in this world to save men. We must save them through the gospel. We must preach the gospel; make men believe the gospel. Baptize them and teach them to observe the commands of God their law giver. We derive our authority from Jesus Christ. For he said 'go and do such work as just mentioned and lo I am with you till the world shall end.' " Collection for missions $17.20.

On motion the constitution in the minutes was read.

The committees report on constitution be made special order for 3:30 P. M. today. The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. James Horne.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled with the Moderator presiding. Devotional services were conducted by Bro. David Biles as follows: First hymn No. 126,C. M. Prayer by deacon Wash McLendon. Second hymn, "Oh, for a Closer Walk With God, etc." The house was announced ready for business.

Committee on constitution made report. Report adopted. See revision of constitution.

Bro. R. J. Beverly, Chairman of the Trustee Board stated the proposition of co-operation of the Graded School Board, County School Board and Zion Trustee Board. The same suggested a lease of the Zion school property to the County School Board for a term of three years. On motion the proposition be accepted and the Trustee Board authorized to act accordingly.

Committee on Obituary reported. (SEE REPORT) Report adopted.

Committee on new bodies reported making Cool Spring Church a member of this body. The session closed with doxology and benediction by Rev. B. B. Sturdivant.

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NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled and engaged in praise services conducted by Bro. O. A. Clinton as follows: Hymn, S. M. was sung and Bro. R. M. Lartharp led in prayer. Hymn No. 449, C. M. was sung followed by a prayer by Bro. W. M. Melton. Rev. H. I. Quick accompanied by Revs. T. J. Hicks and W. H. Horne took seat in the stand and lined hymn No. 81, C. M. Scripture reading, St. Matthew, 19: 1-22. Prayer by Rev. R. Diggs. Second hymn No. 631, S. M.

Rev. Quick, who was to preach the sermon declined and introduced Rev. Hicks to officiate in his stead. Rev. Hicks came forward and announced as a text, St. Matthew 19: 27. "Then answered Peter and said unto Him: Behold, we have forsaken all and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" The sermon was one of much interest throughout and those of us who heard it felt highly favored. Rev. W. K. Bennett closed the service with a

fervent prayer to God. Collection $6.00

Miss Ida B. Shad, representing the Orphan Home at Winston Salem, came before the Association and in a few words presented her cause. Collection for the work $2.34. Rev. V. B. R. Bowman asked the blessing of God on the donors and his protecting care for the institution and management. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Diggs.

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OCTOBER 13, THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator in the chair. Praise services were conducted by Bro. David Biles and deacon Wash McLendon. Prayer was offered by Bro. Manly Horne.

The Executive Board formed a presbytery and ordained Bro. O. A. Clinton to the gospel ministry. Long Meter hymn No. 800 was sung. Rev. J. T. Ratliff read the Scripture; 1st. Timothy 3: 1-7. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Diggs. Revs. J. C. Ellerbee and J. F. Davis gave the charge. The House being announced ready for business the minutes of the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and adopted.

On motion the $200.00 to be paid by the field into the school fund proposition offered by the Trustee Board be paid out of the money coming into the Treasuries of our quarterly, semi-annual and annual meetings.

The Committe on place reported favorably for Friendship but the house changed the place to White Oak.

Rev. Andrew Redfearn came before the Association and was given a seat of welcome. Rev. Redfearn made remarks.

The several committeet that had not reported made their reports.

On motion we have only 700 copies of the minutes of this session printed.

The committe on constitution for the Ministers and Deacons' Union reported. After considerable discussion, by motion, we will not have a constitution for that body. There were no objections to a few rules to govern that body.

Rev. J. R. Faison accompanied by Rev. J. F. Davis took seats in the stand to preach the Missionary sermon.

Rev. Davis lined hymn No. 800, L. M., "Go Preach My Gospel Saith the Lord, etc." Rev. Faison read the Scripture from St. Matthew: 28th chapter. Prayer by Rev. A. C. Chambers. Sec. hymn No. 602 C. M. Rev. Faison arose and announced as a text, Isaiah 6: 8. "Whom Shall I Send and Who Will Go for Us? Then Said I, Here Am I; Send Me." Subject, "The Call and the Answer. The sermon was full of wisdom and power. Our hearts burned within as he talked with us by the way. Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee, etc., was sung, after which Rev. W. L. Butler led in prayer. Rev. Ellerbee lifted a collection amounting to $8.55.

Finance committee reported. (SEE REPORT).

Committee on appropriations made report. (SEE REPORT).

On motion a standing vote of thanks was tendered the church, pastor and community for their kind hospitality during our stop with them. In this connection we would make special mention of Brother K. D. Crowder for his untiring zeal and strenuous efforts in making our stay pleasant.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at White Oak Baptist Church, Morven, N. C. October 16, 1917.

REV. J. RATLIFF, Moderator
Brother A. L. LEAK, Clerk

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APPENDIX

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AND CONDITION OF COUNTRY

We, your committee on condition of the country, beg leave to submit the following report:

Having considered the condition of the church, we are glad to note the spiritual uplift of our people. We urge therefore that the ministry take on new inspiration that heights untold may be reached.

Second, In considering the educational work of our country, and as education is one of the great levers that uplifts humanity, let us renew our obligations for education; that we preach it from our pulpits, talk it in our Sunday schools, teach it around our firesides, until the most remote bounds of the country shall have caught the blaze.

Third, It is with sorrow and much regret, we note the bloodshed in Europe and with sympathy we think of the millions left homeless because of the war. We bow in humble submission to Christ the great head of the church for the spirit of harmony and peace still prevailing under the American flag.

Respectfully Submitted,
YOUR COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON EDUCATION

Whereas we see a great need of education among our young race of people and that ignorance is rampant among those of our youths who congregate themselves in great clusters in public work and do not care or regard the decency or respect of others, and who cannot expect to make themselves decent citizens and who are bringing ignorant calamities in the homes of the race. Therefore we recommend every effort be made to look after the interests of this class of youths and interest them in taking advantage of our rural, graded and secondary schools to make themselves more proficient for citizenship.

Respectfully yours,
COMMITTEE

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the Executive Board, do recommend that we hold the next union meeting with West Rockford Church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1916. Revs. J. W. Diggs and J. F. Davis to preach the introductory sermon. Further, we have striven to look to the best interests of all concerned and at the same time ward off all unnecessary expenses. We have examined for the ministry the following brethren: Brother James Diggs, Morven, N. C., and I. S. A. Hilliard of Monroe, N. C., they having failed to come up to the reqquired mark or per cent, the recommendation was that they pursue their studies.

Respectfully Submitted,
EXECUTIVE BOARD

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON NEW BODIES

We, your Committee on New Bodies, beg leave to make the following report. We examined the orthodox and the organization of the Cool Spring Baptist Church, Morven, N. C., of which Rev. D. C. Spencer is pastor, and we recommend it to this body for membership.

Respectfully yours,
COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following report: Whereas God in His own wise way has taken from the bounds of Zion Association, Brothers Daniel Diggs, John Robinson, Frank Robinson, Silas Leak, Albert Redfearn; Sisters Julia Moore, Mandy Gaddy, Emaline Covington, and others to the number of 51, therefore we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. We pray that we may meet them again in the great beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,
YOUR COMMITTEE

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REPORT ON MISSIONS

We, your Committe on Missions, beg leave to submit the following report: Whereas the great need of

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS FOR 1917	Sabbath of Preaching	Baptised	Rec'd by let.	Restored	Dis. by let'r	Excluded	Died	Membership	Net Gain	Net Loss	Ord. Min'trs	Lic. Pre'ch's	No Deacons
Bethel	Rev. W. H. Horne, Route 1, Morven N. C.	4	5						40		5			4
Brown Creek	Rev. J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro N. C.	3	9	1	3		7	2	151	3		2	3	
Cedar Creek	Rev. B. J. Parsons, Lilesville N. C.	1	9	7	2		7		70	18				5
Chilson Grove	Rev. J. W. Diggs, Route 1, Pee Dee N. C.	4	2	1			2		31		5		1	4
Deep Creek	Rev. H. I. Quick, Rockingham N. C.	2	25	3	3	10	4	6	526	11		5	2	7
Ebenezer	Rev. T. J. Hicks, Laurinburg N. C.	3&4	3	5			1	2	30	5		1	3	1
Elizabeth M.		1&3	5	2					177	7			2	5
Elizabeth D. D.	Rev. J. F. Davis, Route 1, Wingate N. C.	2			2		2	1	40		1	1	1	3
Fletcher's Grove	Rev. W. H. Horne, Route 1, Morven N. C.	1&3	20		5	5	10	1	125	20			1	5
Flint Ridge	Rev. B. B. Sturdivant, P. O. Box 53, Polkton N. C.	2	5		2		4		152	3		2		3
Friendship	Rev. J. W. Hawkins, Salisbury N. C.	2&4	15	5				1	80	19		1	1	3
Madison Grove	Rev. W. K. Bennett, Bennettsville S. C.	4	4		4	1	4	1	84	2				3
Meltonsville	Rev. J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro N. C.	4	22		8	3	8	1	533	201		6	4	6
McLain's Grove	Rev. W. L. Butler, Wadesboro N. C.	1	4	4	1			2	65	3			6	5
Mt. Zion	Rev. J. C. Ellerbee, P. O. Box, 215, Morven N. C.	4	4	2		3	1		52	2			1	3
New Zion	Rev. B. J. Parsons, Lilesville N. C.	3	7		4		3		123	11			1	3
New Grove	Rev. J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro N. C.	1	12	1	5		7	1	101	4			2	5
Nicy Grove	Rev. J. C. Ellerbee, P. O. Box, 215, Morven N. C.	1	9		2	1	5	4	141	1				4
Long Pine	Rev. J. C. Ellerbee, P. O. Box, 215, Morven N. C.	3	11		1		1	2	68	9			1	3
Olive Branch	Rev. J. F. Davis, Route 1, Wingate N. C.	3	3				4	1	15		2			2
Parsons Grove	Rev. J. J. Hines, Shannon N. C.	1	14	2	5		4	2	404		35	3	2	7
Pleasant Hill	Rev. J. F. Davis, Route 1, Wingate N. C.	1					1		33		1		3	4
Poplar Hill	Rev. J. C. Chambers, Route 6, Marshville N. C.	3	6		2		5	1	87	2		1	2	5
Poplar Springs	Rev. J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro N. C.	2	4		1		8	4	157		6	1		4
Ramah Grove	Rev. B. J. Parsons, Lilesville N. C.	2	17	2	2		17	1	160	10		1	1	6
Rockford E.		1	4		3	2	5	3	171		3	3	2	2
Rockford W.		2	16		1	1	4	3	211	8		1		3
Sandy Ridge	Rev. B. B. Sturdivant, P. O. Box 53, Polkton N. C.	3	5	1	5		6	5	99			2	1	4
Saron	Rev. W. L. Butler, Wadesboro N. C.	2	5		2	2	5	1	59		1		2	3
Shankle Grove	Rev. W. H. Horne, Route 1, Morven N. C.	2	5				4	1	58			1	3	3
Timmonsville	Rev. B. B. Sturdivant, P. O. Box 53, Polkton N. C.	1	6		2		2	3	77	3				3
White Oak	Rev. B. J. Parsons, Lilesville N. C.	4	7		1		2	1	113	8		3	1	5
Cool Spring	Rev. D. C. Spencer, Route 1, Morven N. C.	4	3	1					7	7				1

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Building or Repairs	Representing Fees	Poor	Sate Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Mis'ns	Ministerial Education	Local Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Total Contributions	Amount Sent to Association	Value of Church Property
Bethel	$125.00	$ 15.00	$ 25.00	$ 2.00	$ 5.00	$1.00	$ .25	$1.00	$	$	$	$ 2.00	$174.40	$ 2.25	$ 500.00
Brown Creek	125.00	.40	1.25	7.85	11.40	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25		147.65	9.35	300.00
Cedar Creek	80.00	18.99		3.50	2.00		.25	.25			.25		88.85	3.75	1,700.00
Deep Creek	200.00	125.75	7.55	20.00	21.79					8.42	2.00	9.61	401.12	20.30	3,000.00
Ebenezer	150.00	12.50	125.50	1.50	5.00		6.00						200.00	1.50	1,000.00
Elizabeth M.	250.00	94.96	175.00	8.85	5.18	1.00	13.55	7.90	2.00	11.00	.50	34.40	625.74	10.85	2,700.00
Elizabeth P. D.	78.18	10.30	82.25	2.00	3.20	1.00	9.75	1.00			.50		192.93	4.50	500.00
Fletcher's Grove	250.00	25.00	5.00	6.00	10.00		1.50	2.00		1.80	.50	3.75	299.70	8.65	1,500.00
Flint Ridge	100.00	2.00	97.30	7.60	5.97	.50		.50	1.00		2.00	4.30	212.99	9.60	1,200.00
Friendship	300.00	40.00	80.00	4.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	3.50	1.00	.50	1.00	1.37	442.87	5.37	1,500.00
Long Pine	76.27	19.00	18.50	3.40	15.66	.50	1.00	3.22	.25	.25	.50				
Madison Grove	85.00	8.26	.80	4.70	1.50	7.02	1.17	4.17	2.50	3.80	.50	15.07	141.95	11.71	2,500.00
Meltonsville	200.00		15.00	26.65	40.25			2.00		7.00	.50	25.50	317.25	28.75	1,200.00
McLain's Grove	108.00	45.50		2.25	2.40		.25	.25			.50				1,500.00
Mt. Zion	80.00	2.65	114.48	2.60	8.00			.25			.25		209.88	3.10	900.00
New Zion	105.46	20.00	226.45	6.15	4.00	.50	10.00				.50		331.91	7.15	
New Grove	100.00	9.25	21.00	5.05	2.51	.25		.25	.25	.25	.25		129.80	6.30	842.50
Nicy Grove	150.00	2.37	163.26	7.05	6.80		7.25	1.97		2.40		1.89		9.67	1,500.00
Olive Branch	39.00	14.35		.75	15.55	.75		.78		.67	.25	2.20	74.70	3.35	400.00
Parsons Grove	218.00	135.17		20.20	11.50						3.00	2.00	356.17	20.20	3,500.00
Pleasant Hill	50.00	4.50	15.00	1.65	1.35	.25					.50		72.75	2.50	500.00
Poplar Hill	75.00	2.00		4.35	8.85		2.00	.50		.25	.50		95.95	5.85	300.00
Poplar Springs	125.00	12.46	6.55	7.55	12.74	.50	1.45	.50	.25	1.45	.25		149.34	8.05	1,500.00
Ramah Grove	125.00	25.00		8.00	6.00	.25		.50	.25		.25		165.25	8.25	1,500.00
Rockford E.	85.00	28.90	.75	8.35	4.00		8.84						135.64	17.16	1,600.00
Rockford W.	125.00	176.37		10.55	4.87	.25	.50	.25	.25	.25	.25			11.55	1,500.00
Sandy Ridge	125.00	6.97	44.82	4.95	11.62	.50		.50	.25		.50	.40	226.93	10.42	2,000.00
Saron	125.00	1.50	15.00		2.95	.50		.75		.50	.50	5.00	150.91	5.80	1,000.00
Shankle Grove	200.00	10.00	20.00	2.90	2.00	.50	1.50	1.00	.25	.25	2.00		219.17	3.20	1,000.00
Timmonsville	112.00	9.20		3.85	2.81	.50	.25	.25			.20		126.25	5.05	1,600.00
White Oak	126.00	16.50	15.50	5.65	9.49	.75	.75	.50		.50	.75		197.48	8.90	1,300.00
Chilson Grove	50.00	27.50	9.00	1.55	1.50					.25	2.00		95.85	1.80	500.00
Cool Spring	16.75	10.40		.35	.	.25		.25		.25	.25		31.00	1.35	200.00

more money being raised for mission in Zion field, we recommend that each pastor of the churches in Zion in co-operation with Deacon Board, to authorize some one of his members to take a penny collection on each pastorial day for missions and make report of same at the next Association.

Respectfully yours,
COMMITTEE

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REPORT ON CONSTITUTION

Art. 3. Also of ministers and deacons in good standing in Zion Association and delegates elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 7. Any regular Baptist church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of 5 cents for each of its numbers, two-fifths of which shall be used for Associational purposes; three-fifths for education and by raising money for missions. Any church failing to come up to the financial requirements of this body, the reason shall be stated in writing, signed by the pastor and clerk

Respectfully Yours,
COMMITTEE

REPORT ON PLACE

We, your Committee on Place, recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the White Oak Baptist Church, Morven, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before the 3rd Lord's day in October 1917. Revs. J. E. Little and J. N. Bennett to preach the introductory sermon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

	Representing Fee	Missions	Ministerial Education	Local Education	Aged Ministers	Special Appropriation	Total Sent
Bethel	$ 2.00	$ .25	$	$	$	$	$ 2.25
Brown Creek	7.82	.75	.25	.25	.25		9.35
Cedar Creek	3.50				.25		3.50
Deep Creek	20.30						20.30
Ebenezer	1.50						1.50
Elizabeth M.	8.85	1.00	.50		.50		10.85
Elizabeth P. D.	2.00	2.00			.50	.96	5.46
Fletcher's Grove	6.25	.50				1.80	8.55
Flint Ridge	7.60	1.00	1.00	,			9.60
Friendship	4.00					1.37	5.37
Long Pine	3.40	1.00	.25	.25		1.28	6.18
Madison Grove	4.20	3.51	1.00	2.00	.50		11.21
Meltonsville	26.65				.50	2.00	29.15
McLain's Grove	3.25						3.25
Mt. Zion	2.60	.25			.25	1.13	4.23
New Zion	6.15	.50			.50		7.15
New Grove	5.05	.50	.25	.25	.25		6.30
Nicy Grove	7.05	1.97				.52	9.54
Olive Branch	.75	1.53				.42	2.70
Parsons Grove	20.20					4.34	24.54
Pleasant Hill	1.65	.25			.50	.42	2.77
Poplar Hill	4.35						4.35
Poplar Springs	7.55		.25		.25		8.05
Ramah Grove	8.00				.25	2.37	10.62
Rockford E.	8.35	5.00			1.00	.92	15.27
Rockford W.	10.55	.75	.25	.30		2.56	14.41
Sandy Ridge	4.95	1.00	.25		.50	2.47	9.17
Saron	2.95	1.25		.50	.50	1.57	6.77
Shankle Grove	2.90	.25	.15				3.30
Timmonsville	3.85	1.00			.20		5.05
White Oak	5.65	2.00		.50	.75	1.36	10.26
Chilson Grove	1.55			.25			1.80
Cool Spring	.35	.50	.25	.25			1.35

FINANCE COM. REPORT—COLLECTED

On representing fee	$205.80
For missions	26.76
For ministerial education	4.40
For local education	4.30
For aged ministers	7.70
Special Appropriations	25.49
Public collection	44.95
From Ministerial Union Treasurer	5.00
For orphan asylum	2.34
For Rev. R. Diggs	2.64
Total	$329.38

FINANCE COM. REPORT ON APPROPRIATION

To Secretary, for service	$15.00
To printing and distributing minutes	31.00
To corresponding sec'y. for service and expenses	7.50
To sexton for service	2.00
To moderator, for service	3.00
To Aged Ministers:	
Rev. J. Ratliff	2.75
Rev. J. N. Bennett	2.30
Rev. R. Diggs	2.75
Rev. H. D. Tillman	2.30
Rev. D. A. Tillman	2.30
Rev. B. J. Parsons	2.30
To Sec'y. for minuts, covers and programs	2.50
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To Sister Diggs, donation	3.00
To Executive board	4.00
To brother W. Y. Hinson, donation	1.50
To New Zion church, donation	10.00
To Rev. J. F. Davis, for missions	44.00
To Miss Ida B. Shadd, Winston Asylum Home	2.34
To Rev. R. Diggs, replacing money lost	2.64
To J. R. Faison, on back salary	35.00
Total	179.18

Respectfully Yours,
COMMITTEE

TREASURERS REPORT

White Store, N. C., Oct. 11, 1916.

Brother Moderator and Brethren:

The following is my report as treasurer of Zion Association for the year ending October 10, 1916:

Balance brought forward	$ 25.15
To amount received at last Association	280.37
To amt. received from Union Meeting Treas.	30.00
Total Receipts	$335.62

Disbursements

Oct. 15 1915 To amt. paid out at last Asso.	$170.67
Dec. 3 1915 J. R. Faison, teacher sal'y at Z. A.	20.00
Dec. 29 1915 J. R. Faison, teacher sal'y at Z. A.	20.00
Jan. 31 1916 J. R. Faison, teacher sal'y at Z. A.	40.00
Feb. 28, 1916, J. R. Faison teacher sal'y at Z. A.	40.00
Mar. 11, 1916 S. J. Lindsey, work at Zion Acad.	30.00
Total	$220.67
Balance in treasury	$14.95

Rev. B. B. Sturdivant, *Treasurer.*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Brethren:

It is with much pleasure that I come again to this august body of my Christian friends with whom I have been corresponding the last twelve months. 'Tis true that many disasters have befallen us during this period. Wars have made vacant seats in many homes in our foreign lands; there has been high water and landslides in our own country and many of our countrymen have been hurled into eternity, but we still feel that God's hand is still leading us and we hope that we see nothing described on Zion's Christian banner save righteousness for its motto and victory for its achievements.

We note with pride the interest our ministers are taking in their church work, especially along the lines of soul saving. We hope it will not be out of place to say that if this class of men could inject a little more stimulation into manual labor and encourage the practice of economy in our homes, we believe that our church work would be

broadened. We appeal to the ministers of Zion field to stand loyally by the Christian organizations and to foster the work of Zion Academy.

Our constitution is a general church covenant, hence to observe it is a part of our church duty. We cannot be missionary Baptists and not support our constitution.

We recommend that our young ministers be encouraged to better prepare themselves for the ministry. The only hope for the future advancement of our race depends upon a Christian educated ministry. No race can rise higher than its leaders. We should be interested in the theological department of Shaw University.

We recommend that our ministers take a lead in raising mission money. It is righteously theirs. We recommend an untiring zeal for unity in our Christian brotherhood. For behold, the Lord cometh forth out of His place and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. And the mountains shall be molten under Him and the valley shall be cleft as wax before the fire and as the waters that are poured down a steep place. But in the last days it shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains and it shall be exalted above the hills and the people shall flow unto it.

Respectfully Submitted

G. W. BAUCUM, *Corresponding Sec. of Zion Asso.*

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RECAPITULATION OF REPORTS

No. of churches reported	33
No. of ordained ministers	36
No. of converts baptized	260
Total membership	4,114
Net gained	122
Given to missions	$ 98.12
Given to education	350.00
Given aged ministers	18.45
Church expenses	4,726.82
Miscellaneous	60.00
Total contributions and expenses	5,499.84
Value of school property	$6,000.00

RECEIPT FROM UNION MEETINGS.

Collected by representing fee	$59.80
Collected on Dormitory	11.70
Collected by special appropriation	29.55
Collected by public collection	39.15
Total	$140.20

DISBURSEMENTS OF UNION MEETING FUND

To moderator for service	$ 4.60
To Secretary for service	4.00
To sextons for service	2.00
To Flint Ridge church, donation	5.00
Paid J. R. Faison on teacher salary	21.67
Paid Ex. Board expenses to Saron	3.00
Paid J. R. Faison, blackboards at Z. A.	7.45
Paid Rev. R. Diggs, donation	1.00
Paid Rev. J. Ratliff, donation	1.00
A. L. Leak, expenses to Durham, N. C.	5.25
Turned over to Association Treasurer	30.00
Paid insurance premium on Zion Acad.	22.17
Turned over to dormitory treasurer, on dorm.	11.70
Turned over to dormitory treas. money borrowed	29.55
Total	$148.39

Rev. B. J. Parsons, *Moderator*
Rev. J. T. Ratliff, *Secretary*
Bro. A. L. Leaek, *Terasurer.*

There seems to be a mistake in the above report, which we hope we can straighten at the next union. The union has never paid me any money for expenses to Durham, but that is the way the secretary has it. Read well the history.

Signed,
A. L. Leak.

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Representing Fee in U. M.	Paid on Dormitory to '16	Paid on Spec. Appropriation	Bal. due on Dormitory.	Bal. due on S Appropriation.
Bethel	G. A. Richardson, Route 2, Norwood N. C.	$2.00	$	$	$11.25	$1.10
Brown Creek	R. H. Diggs, Wadesboro N. C.	2.00	1.90	1.00	33.60	2.38
Cedar Creek	J. F. Ratliff, Route 1, Chesterfield S. C	2.00	1.75	1.10	11.75	.10
Deep Creek	J. P. Huntley, Route 1, White Store N. C.	2.00	12.16	2.00	110.34	9.55
Ebenezer	G. W. Crowder, Wadesboro N. C.	2.00			7.75	.65
Elizabeth M.	J. Q. Robinson, Monroe N. C.	2.00	14.18	3.82	22.07	
Elizabeth P. D.	Miss M. J. Robinson, Route 1, Pee Dee N. C.	2.00		.96	7.55	
Fletcher's Grove	Miss Essie Stevenson, Route 1, McCall S. C.	2.00	2.75	2.80	23.25	
Flint Ridge	O. L. Tanner, Route 2, Peachland N. C.	2.00	5.05	3.35	33.20	
Friendship	W. M. Nivens, Monroe N. C.	1.00		1.37	10.00	
Long Pine	J. C. Collins, Route 2, Wadesboro N. C.	1.00	3.75	1.28	9.75	
Madison Grove	A. L. Leak, Route 2, Box 52, Wadesboro N. C.	2.80	21.00	1.80		
Meltonsville	K. D. Crowder, Route 1, White Store N. C.	2.00	10.30	6.25	114.20	1.00
McLain's Grove	Cyrus Ratliff, Route 1, McFarlan, N. C.	2.00			13.75	1.40
Mt. Zion	Frank Sturdivant, Wadesboro N. C.	1.00	6.00	1.13	8.50	
New Zion	J. R. Alsobrooks, Peachland N. C.	2.00	6.00	1.00	16.00	.52
New Grove	M. P. Bennett, Route 1, Box 17, Polkton N. C.	2.00			24.50	2.18
Olive Branch	J. R. Alexander, Route 2, Marshville N. C.	1.00	1.00	.42	3.25	
Parsons Grove	A. D. Byrd, Lilesville N. C.	2.00	2.25	5.34	104.75	4.53
Pleasant Hill	Harrison Little, Route 1, Morven N. C.	1.00	.50	.42	8.75	.77
Poplar Hill	T. J. Tillman, Route 1, White Store N. C.	2.00	.50		17.00	1.98
Poplar Springs	W. E. Davis, Route 2, Polkton N. C.	2.00	4.60	1.60	35.90	1.97
Ramah Grove	Q. S. Sturdivant, Route 2, Chesterfield S. C.	2.00	7.00	2.37	33.75	1.00
Rockford E.	S. S. Bennett, P. O. Box 131, Wadesboro N. C.	2.00	9.50	2.92	36.00	.99
Rockford W.	E. M. Tillman, Route 1, Polkton N. C.	2.00	9.75	4.56	39.25	
Sandy Ridge	M. P. Waring, Route 2, Morven N. C.	2.00	1.40	2.07	23.10	
Saron	Fletcher Briley, Polkton N. C.	2.00	3.65	1.57	12.85	
Shankle Grove	A. D. Davis, Shankle's N. C.	2.00	1.00		15.75	1.30
Timmonsville	F. K. Sellers, Route 1, Chesterfield S. C.	2.00	.45	1.65	27.05	
White Oak	R. C. Cox, Morven N. C.	2.00	5.06	2.36	21.19	
Chilson Grove	James Diggs, Lilesville N. C.	2.00	.30		7.20	1.30
Cool Spring	W. C. Melton, Route 1, Morven N. C.					
Nicy Grove	G. W. Ashcraft, Route 1, Marshville N. C.	2.00	1.50	1.02	28.50	2.13

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association with prayer to God or call upon some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in written form whenever he deems it necessary.

2. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members; minute the proceedings of the body and discharge such duties as belong to a recording secretary.

3. The members of the Association shall observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence that Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefully avoided while speaking, and those who are speaking should refrain from all such indecorous conduct that is calculated to throw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thought or feeling, or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may withdraw from the Association without permission from the Moderator. Let all things be done decently and in order.

4. No member of a committee shall be considered in order who, while said committee's report is under discussion by the house, shall take the negative view of the majority of his committee.

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CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of churches, to support the Gospel in destitute places among us; to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday Schools wherever practicable; to raise contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in all parts of its plans of educational and missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist Churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinance, and of the doctrines of the regular Baptist denomination. Also of the regular ministers and deacons in good standing in churches in the bounds of this Association, and delegates elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, and an Executive Board, of which the Moderator shall be a member ex-officio. These officers shall be elected annually, and serve until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The members convened in this Association shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 6. New constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into the Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting, with petition by letter, and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's Word.

Art. 7. Any regular Baptist church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of five (5) cents for each of its members, two fifths of which shall be used for Associational funds, three fifths for local education, and by raising money for missions. Any church failing to come up to the financial requirements of the Field, the reasons in full shall be stated in writing, signed by the pastor and clerk..

Art. 8. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair and enforce order in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Order. He shall settle points of order, give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the body. The clerk and other officers shall perform the usual duties of such officers.

Art. 9. The Executive Board shall have the supervision of the ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall from time to time appoint the time and place of the Union Meetings, and employ such means as will

most efficiently and effectively carry out the objects of the Association. All contributions collected in such meeting shall, at the direction of the Board, be appropriated to the design of the Association. They shall make report of the same to the Association.

Art. 10. The Treasurer shall hold all monies and valuable notes belonging to the Association, and shall pay all orders out of the same drawn on by the Association, signed by the Moderator and Recording Secretary. He shall hold his office until the last day of the sitting of the Association, when he, together with all other officers, shall be re-elected or another in his stead, and shall give bond to the full security of the Association's property in hand.

Art. 11. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of not more than three delegates from each church, with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the third Lord's Day in October, at 11 o'clock A. M., with an introductory sermon, and continue until the business is completed.

Art. 12. No difficulty between churches, or church, shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 13. Any church, a member of this body, that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it,, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or delegate two successive years, shall be visited by suitable admonitions, and if it neglects to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 14. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us but not allowed to take part in our vote.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS' UNION

White Store, N. C., Oct. 11, 1916.

Pursuant to adjournment of previous session, the Union was called together by President Tanner at 10:30 A. M. with the Meltonsville church today. First hymn No. 344 C. M. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Diggs. The president made remarks and then announced the house ready for business.

Rev. J. T. Ratliff spoke on the subject, "The method of receiving members into the church and what to do with them." He said in part: "There are three ways of receiving members: by experience, baptism and by letter." He touched on how one might eventually lose their church connection and could be received by experience only. He pointed out the slackness practised by the ministers and churches in receiving members and emphasized the importance of responsibility of educating the membership on the subject of their duty, both to God and man. "Carlessnees is sinful and injurious," he said. He said further, "after getting members into the church, teach them, train them and then work them, all of them. Brother A. L. Leak and Rev. R. Diggs made remarks on the same subject.

The committe on constitution for this body made report. The report was tabled till Friday morning, at which time it was thought best not to have a constitution. Brother R. T. Sellers being absent, Brother A. L. Leak spoke on the subject "How a minister's pastorate should terminate with a church." He said the first call should be indifinite. So long as the pastor and the church agreed and the cause prospered, they should remain together. But should either, for any good reason, desire a change, this should be made known to the other three months before going into effect. Calling pastors every year cause unnecessary indifferences thereby hindering the cause of Christ." Many others gave expressions along the same line. The meeting was very inspiring and adjourned to meet again on Tuesday night before the third Sunday in Oct. 1917, at White Oak, Morven, N. C.

SOME RULES GOVERNING THE BODY

There shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall be electd annually.

This body shall be composel of all the ministers and deaecons of Zion Association in good standing and contributing to the treasury of this body.

The funds coming into the treasury of this body shall be under the direction of the president, secretary and treasurer.

Collections	$ 6.10
Balance brought forward	$2.26
Received from ex-treasurer	2.57
Total	$10.93

Paid secretary $1.00, for minutes $1.00, to sister Diggs $3.00. Total $5.00. Balance in treasury $5.93.

Rev. G. T. Tanner, *President,*
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